



Royce Lee Freeman

September 16, 1938 - July 9, 2022

Royce Lee Freeman Sr. was born on September 16, 1938, to Robert Lee “Bud” Freeman and Hazel Lucille (Abney) Freeman. He passed from this life on July 9, 2022, at the age of 83.

Royce attended Lindsay High School and was a graduate of the class of 1955. Shortly after high school, he attended college and joined the Air Force. While he was stationed in Waco, Texas, Royce met his loving wife of 60 years, Sharon Ann (Branch) Freeman. Together they had four sons, Royce Lee Freeman, Robert Howard Freeman, Darryl Edward Freeman, and Richard Wayne Freeman.

Royce spent all of his adult life in Lindsay, Oklahoma, and raised his four children during that time. He worked in the family business until semi-retiring in 1992. Royce was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lindsay.

Royce also belonged to the Masonic Lodge in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, the American Legion in Lindsay, Oklahoma, the Rotary Club, and many more organizations. Royce enjoyed supporting Lindsay Schools Athletics, FFA, and Booster Clubs.

After retirement, Royce joined his three sons, Royce, Robert, and Richard, and their drag racing business in Oklahoma City, Lindsay, Pauls Valley, and

Wynnewood. His idea of the perfect “retirement” was working with his boys and celebrating their continued success in the automotive and drag racing profession. Drag racing was truly Royce’s life passion. So, he found great joy as he watched his three sons race and build arguably one of the most historic Pro Stock teams to date. Royce was instrumental in the foundation of this successful business, along with the many more of the Elite Motorsports family. There is no doubt that Royce’s legacy will live on through his sons and grandchildren.

In his final years Royce was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He also found enjoyment in riding Cushman Motor Scooters.

Left to cherish the memory of Royce are his wife, Sharon, of the home, his sons, Royce Freeman and wife Lisa of Duncan, Oklahoma, Robert Freeman of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Richard Freeman and wife Kim of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, his grandchildren, Kenley Freeman, Cale Freeman and wife Sidney, Chase Freeman, Casey Freeman, Austin Freeman, and Tyler Freeman, his sisters, Beth and Richard Skinner of Humble, Texas, Linda and Don Moore of Kilgore, Texas, and Donna and Randy Thompson of League City, Texas, along with numerous nieces and nephews, and tons of friends.

Royce is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee “Bud” Freeman and Hazel Lucille (Abney) Freeman, his son, Darryl Edward Freeman, and his brother, Robert Don Freeman.

A funeral service to honor the life of Royce is set to begin at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at Trinity Baptist Church in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He will be laid to his final rest at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma, following the service.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
108 Loftin Ln
Pauls Valley, OK 73075

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Sharon, I ran across this just now. I had looked for you all several times over the years. You and Royce were wonderful neighbors when we shared that little cracker box duplex at Connally AF Base before Bo went to Viet Nam. I remember how Royce would come over when he finished his flight and get Courtney and sit with both Royce Lee and Courtney on his lap watching TV....it would be great to catch up with you. I live in San Antonio.

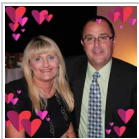
Darlene Grimshaw - April 29, 2024 at 07:35 PM

AZ

“ Really enjoyed smoking cigars and talking to Royce at Topeka and Brainerd. Gonna miss him. God bless you all.



Alfred Zuehlke - July 18, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ Many, many memories of Royce, or "Cotton" as we all called him. My grandfather "Shennie" Curry Worked for "Bud" at Freeman Chevrolet for over 30 yrs. Although I was 20 yrs younger than Royce, I remember many stories of him, and a lot of his early racing career. We were all very fond of the Freeman's. Our Prayers are with each of you. Today and the days to follow. Sincerely, the Gordon's, Oglene, Terry, Tony and our families ❤️🙏

Terry Gordon - July 13, 2022 at 06:02 PM

VF

“ Valerie Finken lit a candle in memory of Royce Lee Freeman



Valerie Finken - July 13, 2022 at 01:50 PM

BS

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Royce’s passing. I am the granddaughter of Bernice Freeman, Bud’s brother. I recall my mother, Billie Jo Freeman, taking me to drag races in OKC when I was just a child to watch Royce race. It was a bit too loud for me, but sooo exciting. My mother was so proud of him. — Brenda Shoemake

Brenda Shoemake - July 13, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CM

“ Carolyn Malena-Franklin lit a candle in memory of Royce Lee Freeman



Carolyn Malena-Franklin - July 12, 2022 at 07:08 PM

JH

“ Sharon and family, it is with great sadness that I feel, when I heard about the passing of Royce Sr. My wife Linda and I lived in Lindsay when Royce ran Freeman Chevrolet. I bought a lot of new vehicles, and hot rod speed parts from him during our stay in Lindsay. He was a fun person to be around, with a lot of jokes to share. There can never be another one, like Royce to have fun with, and to look forward to the next time we got together again for another fun time. My wife Linda and I pray that God will give each of you peace and comfort at this time over the loss of your loved one.

Jack & Linda Hix

Jack Hix - July 12, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Royce Lee Freeman.



July 12, 2022 at 02:57 PM

BJ

“ I have known the Freeman Family since 2002. I always enjoyed my conversations with Mr. Freeman. I will miss them. May God Bless the Freeman Family.

Billie N. Haycraft Jr.

Billie N. Haycraft Jr. - July 12, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Royce Lee Freeman.*



July 12, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *To Sharon, the boys and grandchildren our family is so sorry to hear of Royces passing. Jean Bagley and family.*

jean bagley - July 12, 2022 at 10:20 AM